Appointment of Commissioner for Industries

320. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government had taken a decision to appoint a Commissioner for Industries ;

(*b*) whether the proposal is dropped ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes. A post of Commissioner for Industries and Commerce was sanctioned in June 1968 for a period of one year. However, this post was not filled. There is no proposal to revive this post.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—May I know what was the necessity when the original appointment of the Industries Commissioner was contemplated and what compelled the Government to reconsider and drop it ?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—At that time the Government thought that the Director of Industries had to work on so many committees and attend meetings held in Delhi and other places and it would be better to have a separate Director of Industries and a Commissioner for the development of industries in our State. But, subsequently it was thought not necessary and the idea was dropped.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—Has the Government come to the conclusion that the industries in the State have developed so much that there is no need for a Commissioner ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have not said that there is sufficient industrial development in Mysore. What I said is the Government on a subsequent consideration thought that it may not be necessary to have a separate officer for this purpose because we have got a small committee and also we have the M. S. I. D. C.--a corporation for the development of industries. Taking all these into consideration, we thought that it is in the fitness of things to drop the idea of having a commissioner.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಬಿ. ಪ್ಯಾಲನಯ್ಯ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಈ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಕಮೀಶನರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಸ್ಟ್ರೀಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಮರ್ಸ್, ಇವೆರಡು ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬೇರ್ಪಡಿಸಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತಹ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಬ್ಬರು ಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಸ್ಮಾಲ್ ಸ್ಕೇಲ್ ಇಂಡಸ್ಟ್ರೀಸ್ ಆಡ್ವೈಸರಿ ಬೋರ್ಡು ರಿಪೋರ್ಟು ಕೊಟ್ಟಂತೆ ನೇಮಿಸಿದ್ದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುವುದರಿಂದ ಇತರ ಖಾಸಗೀ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಣ್ಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳು ಬೆಳೆಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಸಣ್ಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಜಾಯಿಂಟ್ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರ್ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದರ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆ ಅವರು ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇದರ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನಾವು ಮನಗಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—The Chief Minister stated that there is a committee. May I know the functions of the committee ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—When I said that there is a committee I referred to the High Power Committee consisting of reputed industrialists. We had already one or two meetings. It is difficult now for me to give the names of members of the committee.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—When this post was created by the Government in June 1968, did they create after the committee examined and was it not known to the Government when they created the post that the post of Commissioner for Industries should be analogous to the post of Divisional Commissioner and he should be in overall charge of the industries as the head of the department ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have already stated that the Director of Industries is working on so many committees and he has to attend meetings not only here but also in Delhi, Bombay and elsewhere. So we thought that it would be better to have a separate officer to look into the day to day affairs of the department and a separate officer for the industrial development so that he may concentrate on new projects. But subsequently we thought it is not necessary and so we have given up that idea now. We have only the Director of Industries and the gentleman whom we were thinking of as Commissioner, is the Chairman of the Mysore State Industrial Development Corporation.

Lathi Charge on Employees of Binny Mills

328. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether on 29th June 1969 the Police lathi charged the employees of Binny Mills who were going in a procession ;

(*b*) whether the Malleswaram Police arrested Sri C. Munirathnam, Secretary, Binny Mills Employees' Union, Ramakrishna his brother-in-law, Surendar, Manickam and some other active members on the night of 29th June 1969 or in early hours of 30th June 1969 ;

(*c*) whether all these Trade Union leaders were taken to the Malleswaram Police Station and beaten mercilessly by the Inspector of Police, Malleswaram and other Constables ;

(*d*) whether after beating innocent workers and leaders of the Trade Union, cases have been filed against them by the police ;

(*e*) whether any representations have been received from the Binny Mills Employees' Union and other public men in respect of the above and particularly demanding that the Inspector of Police, Malleswaram Police Station, Bangalore be suspended forthwith and the suitable action taken against him ;